とあるおっさんのVRMMO活動記

第14話

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Uh-... huh?

When i understood, that i can disarm traps more quickly with lockpicking tools, I just had to try to make it

If i try to make it any thinner with my skills, it'll break...

okay ....

Let me borrow it for a moment

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The tip's getting gradu-ally thinner

From the amount of glitter, I see that the quality is not going down

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Here, it"s something like this?

If I were to do it myself, it would become blunt and finally break

That's a pro's skills for you, an amature like me is no match for them

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With the tip so thin...

Those troublesome chests would become a piece of cake

sfx: hahaha

Thank you so much

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No problem, try hard as you always do

This time it's on the house

This is even better then I needed

it was very educa-tional

That's master for you, he's so skilled...

sfx: bang

Hey there. How have you been doing?

...without warning, as always

You're suprised to see me so suddenly

Okay, now it's replenish-ing the arrows

sfx: Tiger, From now on call me Tiger

虎だ。

虎になるのだ。

Are you going pro wrestling ...

A theme song!!

Then, what do i need to imrpove to make my exit more showy in the future ?

I"m bringing the fairy crystals to the new adventurers to from contracts with fairies.

Well, ok, did something happen to you today to wear a one-piece formal dress?

And, speaking of which, help me out.

Writing letters is pretty hard, you know.

I was planning to finish those by the end

By the way, that event, that was announced

In the mail, the part, concerning the dedicated spot announce-ment was left with just "please, wait".

sfx: slap

NEW!

[A slapstick fan]
[Though used as a blunt weapon, deals 0 damage, but produces a loud cracking sound, an ideal comic item]

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Da-rli-ng ♡

I don't recall having entered your household in any way!

Ugh... And I've just had my hair done...

sfx: ping

So, I guess, I should get to my own work over here

She's more or less starting to get woking...

It's time for me to go, excuse my intrusion

sfx: chop x3

sfx: tie

sfx: cut x3

And here we go, if I make 3 times the usual amount, I won't feel lacking in the dungeon

sfx: huuf...

Ugh...
...

Eh, why so exhausted !?

sfx: ping

Next is the cooking

I'm back....

From that moment on...

Did the crystal delivery go fine?

sfx: MA---D

Who cares of some three sizes of mine!

Why do they want to know my tastes in men!?

And why do they need to know my favourite food!?

Where can we meet in private? I have absolutely no wish to answer those

Am I ok with sleeping together? Even something incomprehend-ible like this came up?

Nothing doing, you should accept people, who like asking those questions as a fact

I-I see, it was rather hard...

How can human kin think of so many questions without battering an eye

Hey!? what're you doing!?

!?

Then i called them to the battle -field

And presented them with a punishment of dying and being resurrected for 10 times

Hey, come back here

They weren't scared.... Human kin is really fearful...

But, you know, after that? "Thank you for this reward"

They said it with estatic smiles!?

sfx: huff

That's why...

Now i'm not suprised she's tired

I didn't know the events're so tiresome

That wore me out so fast

Sign this marriage registration!!!

Please!! Let me rest on your lap!! Stroke my head!!

Where did you get that marriage registration!?

sfx: wag x2

sfx: waa waa

I need to be comforted

I want you to fulfill your husband duties!!

Don't be so stingy!!

I need to be someone's wife!!

Okay, for today, I'll pamper her a little....

How did it end up this way

sfx: click x3

This is... My fingers feel a little different..

Oh.....

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solo to avoid fightning, I've made a special multi-tool, I'm also planning to upgrade my Disarming and Lockpick abilities

The next day, after finishing all my tasks in real life,, I begant to earnestly explore the "challenge from the underworld"

sfx: crack

However lower levels still have lots of traps, I'm uneasy about it

Still, compared to my bare-handed trip, with this muli-tool I was able to cut the disarming time in half

I'm still making a lot of mistakes

the decision to come solo was right

Hey ...

Earth, I'm here, here-

sfx: bang

sfx: ouch

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of course, some of them even produce a death penalty, but that's not a reason to be discouraged

there're many traps, that, in case of a failure, along with the damage, cause paralysis or petrification

Besides, there're high leveled traps, disarming which may prove rather dangerous in itself

Earth: Somehow, I smell something burning already... Black. Okay, I'm opening the chest

Two guys, talking to each other over a trap, may seem weird in this game

ほほう 興味深い…

おっと この服は 新しいぞよ

なんだ あのニト

さあ?

Sometimes, I was disarming those traps, while talking to Black of the heroes' party

Mage: Huh? Warrior: What're those two up to

The alternative branches were the "advanced thief" and "Noble Thief"

And so, I was facing a choice again

Soon, my "thief" skill lvl reached 50, and offered me an upgrade to an advnaced skill

Gizoku: Noble Thief - Jyokyu: Advanced Thief

The Noble Thief plunders the monsters of their items

Adding a bonus damage to a suprise attack, it has a completely new set of skills.

Gizoku

Jyōkyu

Costs 3 EXP

The "Advanced Thief" is an upgrade of a "Thief" job, containing the same skills of higher proficiency

TN: Funny, Robin Rood is Robin Food in Japanese

sfx: pi-n

It might be interesting being like Wilhelm Tell and Robin Hood

Well, of course it's useful

sfx: Uh huh

Accordingly, learning it costs 10 EXP

Though I've already spent 8 on learning thief skills

sfx: click x3

My skills with the multi-tool are also improving

I'll go with "Noble Thief", I suppose

any way, little by little I'm getting some pratice with trap disarming

That's where the night vivsion ability, combined with the "farsightedness" skill, allowing me to see far in the darkness lowered the encouters

I've come across a number of zombies and ghouls, while carrying a lantern

Have the light sensing ability and are attracted to the light sources

Apparently, the undead monsters, are rampaging in the "challenge from the Underworld"

Hey Earth, how're you doing?

It's Black

sfx: pipi... pipipi .. beep

I've already raised my "Noble Thief" level a little bit, I think, it's time for a challenge

If I go about it this way, there is a possibility of me reaching the 10th basement floor solo

Thanks for the intel!

Their attacks cause paralysis, stun and "Broken Arm"

The Traps're already challenging, but there are "Lesser Liches" which are formidable enemies too

We're trying too, but it's tight after the 6th level

The ideal company would be Zwei's guild or the heroes team

And then, try my new "Noble Thief" forte, in a party

For now, my goal is to try and reach the 10th floor several times with my perfect concealment style

And, in order not to end up like a proverbial cat, I've trained trap detection and disarming

Curiosity drives me to explore it, while there's no info on the market yet

There was no formal announce -ment, conerning the contents of the dungeon from the 10th floor and beyond

*"Challenge from the Underworld"

Having raised the "Noble Thief" skill up to LVL 15, it's time for me to solo storm the deep

My chance of reaching the lowest level're still zero

A relentless adventur er, facing the "CFTU"*

There also were times, when, while rushing through, I stumbled across a gang of monsters by mistake and couldn't escape

Since then I've been challeng-ing the dungeon for 32 times

Some of which ended with a death penalty

But all in all it was fun

It was like some time attack mode, when I had to avoid ang unncessary movement and give up on traps on increase speed

I wnet straight forward without being noticed by the groups of monsters

That became my daily routine

And today, on the 33rd try, things are going smoother then ever before

My concen-tration has been really sharp

I'm concentrated on finding a new route, avoiding traps and monsters

I'm smoothly progressing forward, moving fast

Experience the so-called state of being on the crest of a wave

So, now I'm on the 9th floor

Five minutes is all I've got...

So little

Besides, on this level there are not some "Lesser", but full-fledged Liches lurking around

Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff

sfx: huff x4

sfx: step x3

sfx: ha x2

sfx: huff x5

Remaining Time:
24 Seconds

Damn it....

I don't have the time for disarming that many traps

Path to the descend-ing stair-case

Why's this here?

9th floor

sfx. Fly

Here goes noth-ing!!

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I may not make it in time already!

Still..

That hurts.!!!

But there's no time for complain-ing!!

A little...

further...!!

Remaining Time....

3 SECONDS

Remaining Time

sfx: gulp x2

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The count-down has stopped!

sfx: doooong

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Hu-huh... for a single person to go that far...?

…?

sfx: huuh

I'm still on the staircase, but did I really reach the lowest level?

sfx: tk TN. throws skewer away

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I'm about to step on the untrodden ground

sfx: bite

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I no longer know how much time has flown by

I was one long ago...

My name is Andre... a knight of a certain empire

Who the hell?

Their sacrifice allowed me to reach this point...

I had a great number of subordinates, all of which were, regretfully killed by traps or demons insde

I've assembled the subjugation force to clear and seal this dead-populated maze

My speech will be good to kill some time

The staircase you're descend-ing now is pretty long

And you've lead them yourself

to my greatest pity, yes...

And what was there

...There was nothing

nothing ...?

I have become a living corpse in the service of protecting this maze

I have been given a name of "Skeleton Knight" and it is the first time I'm talking to someone since the olden days...

Yes, absolutely nothing, there was an empty room

And what's happen -ed to you was..

Not even the air

I died on entering

ANd that room is still there?

No, I've destroy -ed it

Ironically, I've gained an ability to do magic, I never had in life

No one would die a pitiful death like I did

The dead knight, fulfilling his duty, huh....

Last Question. .. What do you want from me?

This body moves due to the curse alone

I don't want to end up an ordinary demon!

To put me to rest

That brief moment of clearness

Is all... I could...

I'm...so ...tired

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join...my comrades ...

There was no one there...

no...

Probably the god of death was there to watch the duel....

ククク…
カカカカカカ
カカカカ…ッ!!

At last... At last he gave in

This body! This blade! I've been waiting for so long!!

That was about to start -

Raws:

Bezaldfamily.net

uh... enjoy i guess..

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